

## **June 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes- held at the Mahoning Township Building**

**Members of the Board present:** Chairman Bill Lynn, Supervisors, Larry Robertson, TS Scott, Molly Shultz, John Whelan, Treasurer Ken Houck, Engineer Drew Barton, Zoning Officers Dean VonBlohn & Jim Dragano, Secretary Carolyn Dragano, DSI Lead Lloyd Craig, Police & Chief Fred Dyrhoff

**Also present were** –Jim Barbarich, Lake Randall and Joe Sylvester from Danville News

**Present via Audio-Video** – Chief Leslie Young

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The meeting started with the group saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Treasurer Ken Houck will give his report at the next meeting**

### **Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn gave his report and also discussed:**

Dean handed the floor to Jim Barbarich from Quail Hollow and his Engineer Lake Randall from Mid-Penn Engineering, who are requesting approval from the supervisors for (5) waivers. Request from Jim & Lake:

- Waiver #1 - Requirement of the Cul-de-sac serving 20 lots or dwelling units. Barbarich is seeking a waiver to allow 33, which is an increase of 13 units and said these units will all have public water & sewer. Supervisor **Scott motioned to approve the waiver #1 Section 211-26.F.1 – increasing it to 33. Supervisor Robertson seconded. (4) were yes votes and (1) Nay vote by Chairman Lynn. Motion passed.**
- Waiver #2 – Street classification – They are requesting it to be classified from a minor collector to a local street. **Supervisor Scott motioned to approve waiver #2 Section 211-26 attachment 1:4 from minor collector to a local street and to Grant the waiver as is proposed on the drawing with an addendum that the grass is placed up to the paved surface and Engineer Lake is to add to the drawing that they will use 6” of subbase, 4.5” of base and 1 ½” of top base. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.**
- Waiver # 3 – The Cul-de-sac is required to have a 50ft front lot line, however, several are irregular because of the required snow removal area. **Supervisor Scott said that per Section 211-25.B.4, lots located on Cul-de-sac turn around should not have a front line with less than 50ft. and motioned to grant the waiver with consideration that the lot front line is 50ft with consideration of the snow removal area. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**
- Waiver #4 – They requested a waiver from the location from the 50-ft snow removal area. Supervisor Scott said Section 211-26.F.3, the developers engineer & Lead Lloyd Craig will see if they can reposition the location of the cul-de-sac turn around to better accommodate the locations of the 50-ft snow plow rights-of-way and they will amend the drawings. Must be on their final submissions, per Dean. The final drawings should note that the landowners cannot plant or put driveways in the 50-ft snow removal areas. Nothing can be in those areas. These issues should be dealt with in the final land development plan.

- Waiver #5- Since DEP's requirement calls for a 50-foot setback on all wetlands, Engineer Drew and Engineer Lake will review these requirements and will make a determination on what is required. Barbarich expressed concern about water runoff from Whisper Hills. Supervisor Scott said that the township is also concerned about this runoff and that we may be able to work with Barbarich to help alleviate this situation.

Dean said it was recommended by the Joint Planning Commission that the supervisors take the following action and grant conditional approval on the Gum Realty Development for (4) townhouses fronting on Middle Street and (2) townhouses fronting on Lower Street. The conditions were mostly administrative in nature. **Supervisor Scott made a motion that based on the recommendation by the Joint (Mahoning-Cooper) Planning Commission, that we conditionally approve the Gum Realty 6 Unit Townhouse Development with the outstanding issue to be submitted to the Zoning Office & the Township Engineer. Supervisor Robertson seconded.**

Dean said the owner of the vacant properties on the north side of Palmer Drive has indicated that he is going to be seeking a variance for rear yard setbacks. His plan is to construct a single-family dwelling on each of the two lots. Dean will work on setting a date for the variance.

**Police Chief Fred Dyroff will give his report at the next meeting.**

**Engineer Drew Barton has no report but discussed:**

Drew briefly discussed Magnolia Court development and said everything looks good so far. They have 4 buildings started.

Drew gave updates on the Bald Top project. He said a lot of the clearing is done. The sacrificial nails are in but have to sit a week. Drew also showed photos, which will be added to the website under the projects tab – Bald Top Road. Supervisor Scott also took and showed photos and videos taken with a drone.

**DSI Lead Lloyd Craig – gave his report and discussed:**

Lloyd said he needs to rent a mini excavator for about a week, for a pipe replacement project on Red Lane in the area of Edgewood development. **Supervisor Scott motioned to empower the DSI lead to order and utilize the excavator at his discretion. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**

Lloyd said they are researching ownership of numerous swale and drainage facilities throughout the township that need attention. Lloyd and Dean will review the deeds of dedication and once they know who is responsible for them, they can plan for repairs to be made.

Lloyd said they replaced the windshield in Truck 4, which came from a stone chip because it could not be repaired. Cost was \$205.00 and was covered by insurance.

**Fire Chief Leslie Young– gave her report at the last meeting**

Chairman Lynn said there were no executive sessions since the last meeting.

**Public comment related to unfinished or new business: No Comments**

Supervisor Whelan said Heaps is available for Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to have Dumpster Day. We are penciled in for the hours of 8am to 11am. John also contacted DACC, responsible for the soccer field parking lot behind the State Hospital and the Water Treatment Plant. DACC gave approval for us to use the parking lot that day. He is also working on getting volunteers. One officer will also be available. Looks like we are good to go to have it.

Supervisor Scott said Solicitor Jon DeWald should have a temporary Bunker Easement for the next meeting and said we should have a lot of engineering projects going on this summer.

**Supervisor Whelan motioned to approve the Supervisors minutes for May. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.**

A lengthy discussion was held concerning preparation of the 2021 budget and how it will be run. Supervisor Whelan would like to continue preparing the budget the same way he's done it for past 2 years, which was done by sitting down with each department individually. Supervisor Scott would like to change the way it's been done by holding a three-day conference, involving everyone. **Supervisor Scott motioned to have one budget conference with the participation of all 5 supervisors, who will contribute and add to the formation of the budget as one group and said it is a simple budget that shouldn't take ten meetings to prepare. Treasurer Ken Houck will determine and publish the dates of the three days, in advance so everyone will be available. The treasurer and the department heads will put their information together ahead of time and everyone will sit together as a one group. At the end of the 3 days we will have a completed and working budget to present to the public. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Supervisors Scott, Shultz and Lynn voted yes, and Supervisors Whelan and Robertson voted Nay. Motioned passed.** Supervisor Whelan stated that he will participate in putting the numbers together, from day one with the treasurer and secretary, to bring to the three-day meeting because as an elected official, he has a right to participate in the budget formulation.

Chairman Lynn said Yard Waste pick up will be next Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> - see website.

**Public comment not related to new business: No comment**

**Supervisor Robertson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Scott seconded. Motion passed.**

This meeting was recorded. These minutes reflect the events and dialog during the meeting but are not transcribed verbatim.

All Reports are available at the Township Building

Carolyn Dragano  
Secretary